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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were trending one cent higher in the East, but unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the East, mostly steady in all other areas. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were in a full range. In the parts structure, demand was mostly fair, but slightly better where weekend needs increased. Wings were mixed, but obtainable, breast items and dark meat cuts were at least adequate or readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

<u>Preliminary Report</u> Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 22-OCT-2007 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Inclu	duct)	WTD		
<u>AREAS</u>	MAJORITY	RANGE	<u>AVG</u>	LOADS
Delivered to F	irst Receivers			
Chicago	61.00-64.00	50.00-82.50	63.80	23
New York	67.00-70.00			
Los Angeles	87.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi 75.00-79.00 50.00-87.00 78.16 92

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **79.50** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG

78.77

LOADS RANGE FR 75.00 – 81.00

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

' '	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000) POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	174.50	1,129
BREASTS - B/S	145.00	5,058
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,139
THIGH MEAT - B/S	111.00	1,026
LEG QUARTERS	44.00	7,794
WINGS	116.00	2.450

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

<u>SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER</u> Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand entering the weekend was mostly light to fair, best where ads were active. Food service was light to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Wings were mixed, but available. Dark meat was mostly sufficient, and breast items were readily available to sufficient, but slightly closer for tenders. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate with some improvements noted entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair. Fast food interest was moderate. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, wings and most dark meat cuts were more than sufficient; the balance of items were at least adequate for current trade needs.

WESTERN REGION The preliminary majority price into the Los Angeles area was unchanged from last Monday's final majority at 87 cents. The whole fryer market tone was mostly steady with offerings adequate to close. Movement into retail and food service sectors was fair to good with best call on thigh meat. Floor stocks were closely balanced to instances short. Sizes were desirable to heavy. Supplies of wings and breasts were adequate to available with the remainder of parts adequate. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on all parts.

<u>MIDWEST REGION</u> Preliminary majority prices into the Chicago market were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Producer offerings limited. Retail and food service demand was light to good. Floor stocks were tight to adequate. Weights mixed. Parts trade was moderate to good on boneless/skinless breast, slow on wings and light to moderate on dark meat lines. The market tone on parts was mostly steady.

<u>DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mixed and irregular, but increased overall. Seller offerings were sufficient, but generally noted in fair balance for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were reported as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to instances moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, wings were adequate to fully adequate. The balance of parts were sufficient to at least sufficient.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S.GRADE A

RANGE		67-84
WEIGHTED AVER	AGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	10/15/07 - 10/19/07	(A)
	10/16/06 - 10/20/06	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	10/15/07 - 10/19/07	(A)
	10/16/06 - 10/20/06	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Oat 10, 2007

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVA-LENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

Oct 18, 2007	LBS			WTD	LBS			WTD		9, 2007 LY WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	(000)	AVG
BREAST - B/S	`625	110.00-188.00	-	123.54	685	110.00-182.00	-	123.89	3,125	126.12
TENDERLOINS	149	100.00-165.00	-	114.40	139	100.00-145.00	-	110.25	864	113.63
BREAST - LINE RUN	-	TOO FEW TO RE	EPORT		TO	O FEW TO REPOR	RT		440	75.09
FRONT HALVES	-	TOO FEW TO RE	EPORT		TO	O FEW TO REPOR	RT		182	56.50
LEGS	156	50.00-61.00	53-54	54.11	TO	O FEW TO REPOR	RT		617	53.21
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	415	35.00-42.00	39-40	39.57	459	36.00-42.00	39-40	39.37	2,574	39.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	799	38.00-46.00	41-42	41.09	954	38.00-45.00	41-42	41.07	3,717	41.28
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	89.00-120.00	-	104.46	295	91.00-119.00	104-107	106.53	1,560	104.33
WINGS (CUT)	130	109.00-125.00	-	119.54	105	109.00-125.00	-	119.67	470	119.91
DRUMSTICKS	7	TOO FEW TO RE	EPORT		TO	O FEW TO REPOR	RT		864	55.17
THIGHS	7	TOO FEW TO RE	EPORT		TO	O FEW TO REPOR	RT		121	49.04
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO RE	EPORT		TO	O FEW TO REPOR	RT		589	96.96
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASE	D ON	SOUTHERN STAT	ES PARTS TR	ADING	WHOLE BO	DDY INDEX BASED (ON SOUTHE	RN STATES	S PARTS T	RADING

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR Oct 18, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE **TODAY'S AVERAGE** 45.00 - 50.50 48.14

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FOR Oct 19, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK. RANGE **TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE** 46.00 - 50.50 48.33 47.92

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest increased slightly under normal weekend demand but was still noted as no better than fair. Supplies of breast items and tenders were noted at least sufficient current needs. Wings were irregular and was at least adequate; dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone remained generally steady for the bulk of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

Oct 18, 2007								Oct 19, 2007
	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL	CURRENT NEG	WTD		WEEKLY	WEEKLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	125.69	559,182	130	128.17	480,150	127.66	2,535,303
TENDERLOINS	120	121.22	142,560	120	125.93	81,360	122.91	583,860
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	79.13	117,480	73-74	85.19	84,120	81.64	403,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	72.92	108,000	72	73.00	126,000	73.43	545,320
LEGS	59-60	64.16	63,320	59-60	64.71	92,560	64.35	418,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK	() 43-44	44.81	149,800	43-44	45.00	197,080	44.74	847,440
DRUMSTICKS	58-59	68.28	59,120	58-59	64.01	89,200	66.01	315,254
THIGHS	49-50	59.73	64,706	49-50	59.29	76,520	58.90	327,346
B/S THIGHS	111-112	115.61	66,840	111-112	111.86	62,720	113.48	277,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	111-112	116.00	128,858	111-112	116.34	127,680	115.65	629,596
BACKS AND NECKS (ST	TRIPPED) 10-12	10.92	22,800	10-12	11.47	30,400	11.32	116,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUB	S) 35-40	36.21	9,080	35-40	37.38	8,920	37.23	44,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	67.60	12,400	65-70	64.86	32,240	67.11	113,480

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

^{**} WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS								
E	STIMATE	D	ACTUA	L	AVG	WTS	ACTUAL	AVG	
	(1,000)		(1,000)			(1,000)	WTS	
	10/19	10/18	10/17	10/16	10/17	10/16	10/12	10/10	
Alabama	4,287	4,201	4,055	4,178	5.55	5.63	4,165	5.65	
Arkansas	4,941	5,488	5,223	5,286	5.37	5.55	5,165	5.43	
Delmarva	2,253	2,220	2,190	2,298	5.93	5.97	2,158	5.91	
KY-LA-TN	2,441	2,376	2,436	2,467	5.18	5.19	2,529	5.15	
Mississippi	3,219	3,114	3,127	3,110	5.68	5.61	3,092	5.83	
North Carolin	a 3,311	2,944	2,863	2,813	7.07	7.03	2,925	7.02	
Texas	2,537	2,533	2,517	2,476	5.35	5.37	2,490	5.27	
Total	22,989	22,876	22,411	22,628	5.69	5.76	22,524	5.72	
Mon-Fri	114,225(A)					111,193(<i>A</i>	١)	
Saturday				for date :	shown)		806		
(A) Weekly cu									
Broiler-fryer									
estimated to l								down -0.51	
percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,800,000, last year 34,572,000)									
Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for week ending 20-Oct-07 is									
estimated to								nd up 2.70	
percent from	, ,	,			00, last y	ear 165/	5,595,000)		
Actual data in	corporate	ed when	available	e.					

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L., POULTRY, DELIVERED TO R		OCESSED
•	F	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		94-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	1	09-118
HENS UNDER 5#		
HENS OVER 5#		68-78
DUCKS		
RABBITS-WHOLE		
RABBITS-CUT UP		
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSE		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURAN		
	F	RANGE
BROILER/FRYER 2# & OVER	ICE PACK	126
	DRY PACK	110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	140
	DRY PACK	108

ICE PACK

DRY PACK

109

105

199-204

HENS OVER 5#

DUCKS

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 13-OCT -07 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	Α	В	С	D	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	46,637	75,536	27,891	17,022	167,086
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.47	6.94	8.26	5.52
% of total /1	28%	45%	17%	10%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	42,786	82,472	29,464	16,535	171,257
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.39	7.01	8.60	5.59
% of total /1	25%	48%	17%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	40,380	81,002	21,541	18,796	161,719
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.49	7.00	8.19	5.61
% of total /1	25%	50%	13%	12%	100%
To date/2007	1,774,044	3,316,747	1,074,134	460,055	6,624,980

/1May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week. Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

To date/2006 1,895,048 3,277,984 927,968 527,666 6,628,666

- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY)	Young	Light	Heavy	Total		
W/E 13-OCT-2007	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks	
		THOUS	ANDS			
Head	167,086	1,032	1,609	2,641	475	
Avg Wt	5.52	3.15	7.93	6.06	6.60	
Last week	171,257	1,205	1,598	2,803	490	
Same wk yr ago	161,719	1,008	1,538	2,546	483	
Avg Wt	5.61	3.29	8.05	6.17	6.67	
To-date/2007	6,624,980	45,187	59,848	105,035	20,501	
To-date/2006	6,628,666	44,751	60,884	105,635	20,542	
(A) —						

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was

167.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.1 million head, or 2.1 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/

FRYE	r avail	<u> Lability Con</u>	<u>IPARISON</u>		
'		Million Head	Million Head		
Week	Ending	Slaughtered	Available	Pct	Avg Wt
Sept	8	151.3	164.8	92%	5.39
	15	170.4	168.4	101%	5.48
	22	172.4	169.1	102%	5.58
	29	176.0	168.1	105%	5.43
Oct	6	173.3	167.4	104%	5.59
	13	169.1	167.0	101%	5.52
Year t	o date	6705.2	6772.6	99%	
Oct	20		166.7		
	27		166.3		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal inspection

Thousands										
W/E	10/20/07	10/13/07	%CHG	10/21/06	%CHG					
Broilers	170,062	167,086 *	+1.78	165,595 *	+2.70					
Cattle	674	634	+06	643*	+05					
Hogs	2,334	2,353	-01	2,202*	+06					
*Actual										

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

For delivery the week of OCT 15, 2007

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	159-163	163-167
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	136-146	138-148
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

RANGE MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 70.00-77.50 73.00-77.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 71.00-84.00 78.00-84.00
SQUABS:

NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.62.64-85.0514 OZ.69.12-96.3916 OZ.74.88-106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

 $\mathsf{CT},\,\mathsf{DE},\,\mathsf{FL},\,\mathsf{GA},\!\mathsf{MA},\,\mathsf{MD},\,\mathsf{ME},\,\mathsf{NC},\,\mathsf{NH},\,\mathsf{NJ},\,\mathsf{NY},\,\mathsf{RI},\,\mathsf{SC},\,\mathsf{VA},\,\mathsf{VT},\,\mathsf{WV}$

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained steady and unchanged. The trade sentiment remained steady as the previous week. Demand was good. Supplies were adequate. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.55-.90.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 15-OCT-2007

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -

DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 16, 2007

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

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	R	AN	GE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.95	-	1.00
Doves	3.00	-	3.75 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.35	-	.45
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.40	-	.50
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50	-	.60
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.30	-	1.50
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.90	-	1.00
Guinea Fowl	4.50	-	6.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00	-	4.50 ea.
Banty Hens	1.00	-	1.50 ea.
Leghorn Hens	.75	-	1.00 ea.
Leghorn Roosters		-	2.00 ea.
Silkies	2.00	-	3.75 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS		-	.45
Pigeons	1.90	-	2.20 ea.
White Pigeons	3.00	-	3.10 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.30	-	1.60
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.10	-	1.30
Bunnies	1.00	-	3.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.00	-	6.00 ea.
Kid Goats	35.00	-	45.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.95	-	1.00
Total Coops Sold	368		

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Supplies of both light and heavy canners were fully sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was seasonally fair. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was mostly steady.

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Without Freight Cost

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 23-30 MAJORITY 27-28 HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Freight Cost Included

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 24-32.5 MAJORITY 29-31 HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-OCTOBER-2007

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HENS</u> Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

RANGE MAJORITY

TOO FEW TO REPORT

<u>SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS</u> Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was seasonally light to fair for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were for next week were normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING FOB PLANT RANGE MAJORITY
TOO FEW TO REPORT
TOO FEW TO REPORT
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*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY REMOVAL COST 3-12 5-8

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS</u> Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for at least adequate supplies of light fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Disposal costs were expected to remain steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were unchanged. Offerings were somewhat limited with demand moderate to fairly good. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-9	4-8

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